



The Asian community loses a beloved friend and longtime supporter...

Frances S. Nam passed away on Friday, May 15th.

Frances was the Vice President of Government Affairs for Sodexo USA, responsible for government affairs at the federal, state and local levels. This included monitoring legislative and regulatory trends as well as addressing company-wide compliance measures as they related to campaign finance, lobbying disclosure and gift laws. In addition to managing legislative and regulatory matters, she was responsible for ensuring the government relations plan complemented Sodexo's business development efforts, which included relationship management as well as training protocols.

Rohini Anand - Sodexo Senior Vice President and Global Chief Diversity Officer stated, *"In addition to being colleagues, many of us were friends with Frances. She was concerned about bettering communities wherever she worked and strongly influenced the Sodexo community. Frances had a unique ability to impact people in a very powerful and positive way, and to earn friends everywhere she went. She worked hard to empower people and make them visible. She was greatly respected and loved both within Sodexo and in the external community. Frances will be greatly missed, but her charismatic spirit will remain with us forever".*

Ms. Nam had experience in both legislative and executive branches. She served as Senior Policy Advisor to Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald. In that capacity, she supervised the legislative staff and covered all matters related to foreign affairs and the Congressional Black Caucus while the Congresswoman was Chair of the Annual Legislative Conference. Ms. Nam also served for four years at the U.S. Department of Justice's Community Relations Service (CRS), first as a political appointee in the Clinton Administration then as senior policy advisor to CRS, the federal government's race relations mediation arm. Prior to that, she was the primary advisor to U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer on all matters related to appropriations, immigration, housing, judicial appointments and matters under the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee. Ms. Nam began her career in government affairs at Hill and Knowlton, where she worked with several government and corporate clients. Ms. Nam received her BS in biochemistry from SUNY at Stony Brook. She earned her law degree from The Washington College of Law at American University where she also pursued post-graduate work at the School of International Service.

Neil Horikoshi, President & Executive Director of the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) said, *"APIASF was honored to have Frances serve on our Board of Directors. Frances was a well-respected leader in the Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) community and she was incredibly dedicated to ensuring that all APIAs had the opportunity to reach their full potential."*

Ms. Nam has served on the corporate boards of various organizations, including the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund, the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators, the National Lt. Governors Association (as Vice Chair), and the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership. She was also a corporate member of the National Governors Association and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. Ms. Nam was the immediate past Chair and Executive Advisor to Sodexo's Pan Asian Network Group, which is an employee network group (ENG) and regularly contributed to Sodexo's award-winning Diversity and Inclusion culture. As Chair, she worked with the C-Suite in Sodexo to affect progress in recruitment, retention of Asian Americans, and making a direct impact in the area of diversity and inclusion in partnership with Sodexo's other ENG's as well as dozens of external private companies and non-profits.

Scott Loretan, longtime friend and Sodexo Senior Vice President of Operations - School Services says, *"Frances was the proud mother of two daughters, Seanna and Henna Nam and while her other accomplishments are extraordinary - her children were her pride and joy and always her first priority. Frances was also known by all for her tireless volunteering at her daughter's schools and her work with the DC Food Bank. She loved the arts and was a season ticket holder at the Shakespeare Theatre and recently acquired a passion for baseball".*

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

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